

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. _____

SUBJECT: Adoption of Rule Order RR-07-04, Revisions to Ch. NR 168

FOR: MAY 2004 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY:

Darsi Foss RR/3

SUMMARY:

The Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment is seeking Natural Resources Board adopt proposed changes to ch. NR 168, Wis. Adm. Code, which clarify the criteria and requirements for the Brownfields Site Assessment Grant (SAG) Program.

The Department held public hearings and obtained written public comments on these proposed changes and the response to those comments is attached. The Department hopes to adopt these changes as soon as possible so that the revised rule can be in effect for the next round of grants which will be announced and awarded during FY 2004. The goals of these rule changes are to make improvements to the requirements for the grant program. Through the Department's experience awarding these grants and input from interested parties, we have identified several areas that could be clarified and improved and this proposal includes recommended rule changes to more clearly and fairly administer the program.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Order RR-07-04, revisions to ch. NR 168.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fiscal Estimate Required
No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Background Memo

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attached
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APPROVED:

Bureau Director,

Date

Administrator,

Date

Secretary, Scott Hassett

Date

cc: Amy J. Lemberger - AD/5

STAFF REVIEW - DNR BOARD AGENDA ITEM

REMINDER

Have the following questions been answered under the summary section of this form?

- Why is the rule needed?
- What are the significant changes?
- What are the key issues/controversies?
- What was the last action of the Board?

LIST OF ATTACHED REFERENCE MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR RULE PROPOSALS:

Hearing authorization:

Final adoption:

Background Memo (if needed)*

Fiscal Estimate

Environmental Assessment (if needed)

Rule

Background Memo (if needed)*

Response Summary

Fiscal Estimate

Environmental Assessment (if needed)

Rule

* If all the questions listed in the REMINDER section above can be adequately summarized on the Green Sheet (and a second sheet if needed), the Background Memo may be omitted.

Unit	Reviewer	Date	Comments
Environmental Analysis and Review			
Management and Budget			
Legal Services -Program Attorney -Carol Turner			
Other (if applicable)			